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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/024,885
Filing Date	February 17, 2000
First Named Inventor	Roth
Group Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	Abrams
Attorney Docket Number	T1680CJP2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/28) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50082 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 11865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 18, 2000.  
(Any unallowed amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Attachment \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

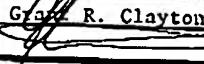
a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

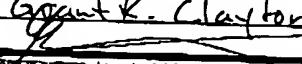
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	<u>20 September 2000</u>

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2839  
Attorney Docket  
No. T1680CIP2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: David Roth et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/024,885 )  
Filed: February 17, 1998 ) Art Unit  
For: VERSATILE ) 2839  
COMMUNICATIONS )  
CONNECTORS )  
Examiner: N. Abrams )

ATTACHMENT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully  
requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for  
responding to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2000 be extended  
for three months until September 20, 2000. Enclosed herewith is  
a completed Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) providing payment  
of \$490.00, to cover the fee associated with this Petition.

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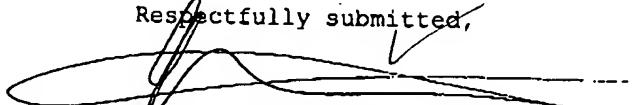
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Payment of \$380.00 for a two month extension of time was previously submitted on August 18, 2000. Therefore, the \$380.00 previously paid, plus the \$490.00 submitted herewith equals \$870.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Also, payment of \$690.00, is included in the completed Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) to cover the fee associated with the Request for Continued Examination, for a total of \$1,180.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

If any impediment to the granting of this request remains after consideration hereof, and such impediment could be alleviated by provision of additional information, or by an interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned.

DATED this 20 day of September, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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